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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS.

RESOLUTION

New Delhi, the 14th January 1949

No. 55/12/48-Public.—The Government of India have found that the administration of the Durgah Khawaja Sahib, Ajmer,—one of the holiest Muslim Shrine in India—and its temporal affairs have since a long time been seriously affected by factions and departure of majority of members of the Committee of Management after the partition of India have nearly brought about a deadlock. It has therefore been decided that the entire position should be reviewed so that the interests of the devotees of the Shrine as well as the property attached to it should be looked after in a manner befitting the position that the Durgah occupies. In pursuance of this object, the Government of India are pleased to appoint a Committee with the following terms of reference, namely:—

- (a) To enquire into and report on the administration of the Durgah Endowment by the Durgah Committee since its constitution under the Acts XXIII of 1936 and XII of 1938;
 - (b) To examine the spiritual and temporal relationships between the Durgah Committee, the Dewan or the Sajjadanashin and the Mutawali, and to recommend such measures concerning the terms of grant of the Jagirs and the distribution of perquisites of office as may appear necessary to ensure harmonious working; and
 - (c) To recommend such measures as appear necessary to secure, by efficient management of the Durgah Endowment, the conservation of the Shrine in the interest of the devotees as a whole.
2. The Constitution of the Committee is as under:—

Chairman

Mr. Justice Ghulam Hasan, Judge of the Allahabad High Court.

Members

Mr. Mohd. Yamin Khan of Meerut.

Nawab Mehmud Yar Jung of Begumpet, Hyderabad, Deccan.

Mr. Mustafa Kamil Kidwai, Additional Deputy Secretary, Judicial Department of the Government of the United Provinces, will act as Secretary to the Committee.

3. The Committee will be holding its preliminary meeting very shortly to decide (i) the details of procedure for the meetings, (ii) the places to be visited and (iii) the manner of recording evidence for the purpose of enquiry. The decisions arrived at will be announced in a Press Communique.

ORDERED that the above Resolution shall be published in the Gazette of India, for information.

U. K. GHOSHAL, Dy. Secy.